State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, World Refugee Day honors the strength, determination and hope

for the future of the many refugee families who have been displaced

from their homelands by war and persecution; and

WHEREAS, refugees come to Vermont from all over the world for protection

and in search of freedom, peace, and greater opportunities for their

families and themselves; and

WHEREAS, Vermont celebrates the vast cultural and economic contributions

refugees bring to our communities and will continue to welcome

refugees with open hearts and minds in its midst.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2018 as

REFUGEE DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4th day of June, A.D. 2018

Philip B. Scott Governor

Jaye Pershing Johnson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs